

Combined Meeting of The Blueprint Executive Committee and Blueprint Planning and Evaluation Committee

September 20, 2017

Attendees:

B. Tanzman, M. Donohue, K. Sullivan, P. Farnham, T. Tremblay, M. Young, C. Elmquist, N. Walke, M. Snodgrass, K. Fitzgerald, J. Plavin, J. Samuelson, J. Fels, C. Gustafson, M. McAdoo, A. French, K. Lang, B. Bick, T. Moore, C. Perpall

By phone:

M. Barber-Dubois, J. Krulewitz, J. Hester, L. Hendry, E. McKenna, J. Barnard, P. Clark, K. Hein, T. Dougherty, L. Ruggles, F. Clark, A. Buchanan, S. Gretkowski, P. Biron, P. Launer, R. Lunge, T. Dolan, J. Riffon, J. Dodge, E. Emard

The meeting opened at 8:30 a.m. Beth Tanzman introduced the newest member of the Blueprint for Health Team, Matthew Snodgrass, as the Blueprint's Health Services Researcher. Beth Tanzman stated that today's meeting will review the overall program status, discuss the Medicare PCMH, CHT and SASH payments for CY 2018, discuss program implementation of the Women's Health Initiative in the Bennington Health Service Area, and review proposed changes to the Blueprint manual.

In the discussion on overall program status (slides 2 & 3), there was a question on Blueprint program saturation. The Blueprint estimates that there are as many as 180 primary care practices in Vermont, with 134 currently participating in the Blueprint as Patient-Centered Medical Homes. Many of the primary care practices not yet participating in the Blueprint have 1 FTE or less of a provider or have not transitioned to an Electronic Medical Record.

Beth Tanzman reviewed the Medicare PCMH, CHT and SASH payments for CY 2018 (slides 6 – 13). Beth Tanzman noted that there is a \$120,165 shortfall in keeping all three programs whole. Beth Tanzman stated that the Blueprint is recommending a shift to a standard \$2.00 PMPM for Medicare PCMH payments for 2018 which will keep Medicare consistent with other payers who have already transitioned from paying on NCQA score and keep the direct services component of CHT and SASH staffing models whole. Cory Gustafson and Todd Moore reiterated that of all the states that participated in the Multi-Payer Advanced Primary Care Practice Demonstration with Medicare, Vermont was the only state that is still receiving that funding.

Jennifer Fels reviewed the implementation of the Women's Health Initiative in the Bennington Health Service Area (slides 15 – 19). She stated that the additional of a social worker to their women's health clinic has been critical for addressing the social determinants of health. Jenney Samuelson announced that as of October 1, 2017, the postpartum LARC add-on incentive payment will be increased to \$800

and the Women's Health Initiative PMPM payment will be extended to participating Patient-Centered Medical Homes.

Beth Tanzman reviewed the proposed Blueprint Manual updates (slide 21). There was general consensus on all proposed changes for final review. The proposed change for initial review will be revisited at the November 15, 2017 Blueprint Executive Committee meeting.